

***Reeser Farm***

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Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WT 14-17; Cricket 700 MHz wireless license**

Dear Federal Communications Commissioners,

Mobile devices are critical to the success of my farm, and I rely on them in two ways. First, my smartphone gives me access to market quotes, weather, and other data relevant to my operation. It's like having a computer out in the field with me. Second, I use my phone to communicate with my employees, wherever they may happen to be on my 1,500 acres of land. Farming can be a dangerous activity. If an employee gets hurt and needs medical help, I must be available by mobile phone since we have no other line of communication. With this in mind, I'm writing to encourage your agency to allow mobile broadband usage on Cricket's 10 MHz of spectrum located at the lower end of the 700 MHz band.

This matter is actually quite urgent. As things are now, I have trouble accessing my mobile network during the peak hours of the day, and my phone displays a message telling me to try placing the call at another time. Given the nature of my responsibilities as owner of Reeser Farm, I don't have that luxury. Having access to the internet on my phone is certainly beneficial, but if connectivity problems persist, I may be forced to begin using an AM radio in order to get more reliable service. I keep a spare phone with me in case mine goes down, but obviously that does not help when the problem I am experiencing is a result of congestion on the airwaves.

If Cricket's additional spectrum is utilized for mobile broadband, 20 or so individuals could encounter interference with their television reception for a single channel. I suppose this would be unfortunate, but I ask that you consider the big picture. Surely the handful of people who would be affected could make the necessary minor, and free, adjustments to alleviate the issue. My livelihood and the safety of my employees are at stake here. Plus, when farms like mine can produce our corn, soybeans, and wheat more efficiently, as mobile devices allow us to do, it results in an economic benefit for the entire community. I respectfully ask that you permit Cricket to open its spectrum for mobile broadband.

Sincerely,



Glenn Reeser  
Owner